IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A threaded pipe connection comprising:

   a pin member having external threads increasing in width in one direction;

   a box member having internal threads increasing in width in an opposite direction so that the internal threads and the external threads move into engagement upon make-up of the connection; and

   a wear indicator that extends from at least one of the group consisting of a shoulder of the box member and a shoulder of the pin member.

2. (Original) The threaded pipe connection of claim 1 wherein the wear indicator is disposed on the pin member.

3. (Original) The threaded pipe connection of claim 1 wherein the wear indicator is disposed on the box member.

4. (Previously Presented) The threaded pipe connection of claim 1 wherein the shoulder of the pin member comprises an external shoulder of the pin member and the wear indicator is disposed on the external shoulder of the pin member.

5. (Previously Presented) The threaded pipe connection of claim 1 wherein the shoulder of the box member comprises an external shoulder of the box member and the wear indicator is disposed on the external shoulder of the box member.

6. (Previously Presented) The threaded pipe connection of claim 1 wherein the shoulder of the pin member comprises an internal shoulder of the pin member and the wear indicator is disposed on the internal shoulder of the pin member.

7. (Previously Presented) The threaded pipe connection of claim 1 wherein the shoulder of the box member comprises an internal shoulder of the box member and the wear indicator is disposed on the internal shoulder of the box member.

8. (Previously Presented) The threaded connection of claim 1 wherein:

   the pin member has an external shoulder;

the box member has an external shoulder; and

the wear indicator extends from the external shoulder of the pin member and the external shoulder of the box member.

9. (Previously Presented) The threaded connection of claim 1 wherein:

the pin member has an internal shoulder;

the box member has an internal shoulder; and

the wear indicator extends from the internal shoulder of the pin member and the internal shoulder of the box member.

10. (Previously presented) A method of manufacturing a connection wear indicator, comprising:

providing a pin member having external threads increasing in width in one direction;

providing a box member having internal threads increasing in width in an opposite direction so that the internal threads and the external threads move into engagement upon make-up of the connection; and

providing a wear indicator for the connection that extends from at least one of the group consisting of a shoulder of the box member and a shoulder of the pin member.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising:

disposing the wear indicator on the pin member.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising:

disposing the wear indicator on the box member.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the shoulder of the pin member comprises an external shoulder of the pin member, the method-further comprising:

disposing the wear indicator on the external shoulder of the pin member.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the shoulder of the box member comprises an external shoulder of the box member, the method further comprising:

disposing the wear indicator on the external shoulder of the box member.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the shoulder of the pin member comprises an internal shoulder of the pin member, the method further comprising:

disposing the wear indicator on the internal shoulder of the pin member.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the shoulder of the box member comprises an internal shoulder of the box member, the method further comprising:

disposing the wear indicator on the internal shoulder of the box member.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the shoulder of the box member comprises an external shoulder of the box member and the shoulder of the pin member comprises an external shoulder of the pin member, the method further comprising:

disposing the wear indicator on at least one of the external shoulder of the pin member and the external shoulder of the box member.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the shoulder of the box member comprises an internal shoulder of the box member and the shoulder of the pin member comprises an internal shoulder of the pin member, the method further comprising:

disposing the wear indicator on at least one of the internal shoulder of the pin member and the internal shoulder of the box member.

19. (Previously presented) A threaded pipe connection comprising:

a pin member having external threads increasing in one direction;

a box member having internal threads increasing in an opposite direction so that the internal threads and the external threads move into engagement upon make-up of the connection; and

means for indicating connection wear.

20. (Previously Presented) The threaded pipe connection of claim 1, wherein wear indicator comprises a circumferential extension.

21. (Previously presented) A threaded pipe connection comprising:

a pin member having external threads increasing in width in one direction;

a box member having internal threads increasing in width in an opposite direction so that the internal threads and the external threads move into engagement upon make-up of the connection; and

a wear indicator that extends from a shoulder of the connection, wherein connection wear is indicated by contact between the wear indicator and the other of the shoulder of the pin member and the shoulder of the box member.

22. (Previously Presented) The threaded pipe connection of claim 21, wherein the wear indicator extends from at least one of the group consisting of a shoulder of the box member and a shoulder of the pin member.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) The threaded pipe connection of claim 1, wherein the wear indicator does not contact the other **of** the group consisting of **the** ~~a~~ shoulder of the box member and **the** ~~a~~ shoulder of the pin member, when the connection is first connected.